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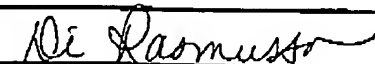
  

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the March 8, 2005 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due June 8, 2005. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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